UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Jose L. Linares

v. : Crim. No. 07-869 (JLL)

BENNY RAMOS : ORDER

This matter having been opened to the Court by defendant Benny Ramos (William Hunt, Esq., appearing), and Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Hallie A. Mitchell, Assistant U.S. Attorney, appearing) for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter tried within seventy days of the date of his initial appearance pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(c), and as the defendant requires such a continuance because he needs additional time to confer with counsel and review discovery; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- 1. Plea negotiations are in progress and additional time is necessary to finalize any plea agreement, which may render trial of this matter unnecessary.
- 2. The defendant needs additional time to review discovery which includes numerous consensual recordings and transcripts.
  - 3. Defendant Ramos has consented to the aforementioned

continuance.

4. Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this  $\frac{740}{100}$  day of April, 2008

ORDERED that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter are continued from June 4, 2008 through September 4, 2008;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period between June 4, 2008 through September 4, 2008 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motions submitted by the defendant shall be filed no later than  $\frac{JULY\ 28}{}$ , 2008;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response by the Government to defendant's motions shall be filed no later than Agust // .

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that oral argument as to any such motions shall be conducted on AVG.UST 25 , 2008; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trial in this matter will commence on SEPTEMBER 3, 2008.

HONORABLE JOSE L. LINARES United States District Judge

Consented and Agreed to by:

William J. Hunt Esq.

Counsel for defendant Ramos